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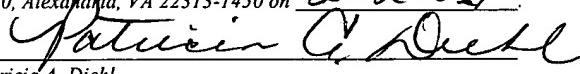
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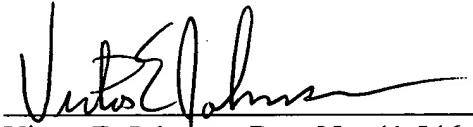
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application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

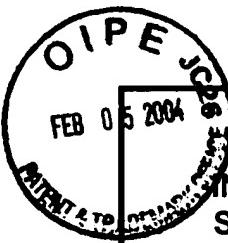
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